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### **STATEMENTS TO INVESTIGATIVE POST REGARDING KATHRYN BASS, MD**

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (February 8, 2019)** - Oishei Children's Hospital, a Kaleida Health facility, today released the following statement today to the Investigative Post regarding Kathryn Bass, MD:

Michael P. Hughes, spokesman for Oishei Children's Hospital said, "Your story is focused on a 2018 New York State Department of Health publication that addresses an issue that dates back to six years ago (2012) at a hospital that has since closed and moved to a new location. It was a personal decision by Dr. Bass to take a no contest position rather than continue to litigate this matter for years. At no time were there any actual findings against Dr. Bass and at no time was she ever restricted in any way from performing even the most complex of procedures.

"Dr. Bass continues to lead the Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center at Oishei Children's Hospital, earning the highest rank of quality conferred by the American College of Surgeons. She is an integral part of the team and workforce that has helped Oishei Children's Hospital in its move toward national quality leader. Oishei Children's Hospital was recently named a Top Children's Hospital by The Leapfrog Group - widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive. Oishei Children's Hospital is the only hospital in New York State and among the top 6% of eligible hospitals nationally to receive this Top Hospital distinction."

Carroll McWilliams (Mac) Harmon, MD, PhD, Division Chief of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery and director, Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and chief of pediatric surgery services at Oishei Children's Hospital said, "I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Bass' character and surgical skill. You will find no pediatric surgeon more dedicated to her patients or more committed to achieving the highest quality outcomes for the children of our community. Her considerable professional experience in trauma care has been invaluable, and her performance and contributions to Oishei have been exemplary."

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